

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : In all factories that come under the Act, there is a definite condition in regard to the hours of labour.

Quota of Kerosene oil for Vaikom.

345. * MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quota of kerosene oil for Vaikom for the months of Meenom, Medom and Edavom 1121 and the balance of stock on 31-10-1121; and the date of distribution of kerosene oil as per ration cards in the Vaikom taluk in the month of Mithunam 1121?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR (*Secretary to Government*): A * statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know whether a full ration was allowed to card-holders in Vaikom in the month of Edavom?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : I claim notice.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know whether he will make enquiries as to whether any reduction was made in the issue as per ration cards?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : I will do so.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know whether the Government are aware that considerable inconvenience has been caused by the delay in the issue of kerosene in the month of Mithunam in Vaikom?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : It was reported that there was some delay in the month of Mithunam, because ration cards had to be renewed by the end of Edavom and fresh cards had to be issued from Mithunam. Though there was some delay on this account, fresh ration cards were distributed from 19-11-1121.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know whether arrangements will be made to avoid such delays in future?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Certainly.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know whether the allotments are made monthly or quarterly?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Monthly.

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANA AIYAR (*Trivandrum City*): May I know from the honourable member whether instructions have been given to the Commissioner to extend the time in view to the fact that several persons were not able to send their applications in time due to the lateness of the publication?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Instructions have been given.

Handlooms.

346. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handlooms working in the State;
- (b) the number of handlooms in Parur and Kunnatnad taluks respectively; and
- (c) the quantity of yarn supplied per loom per month?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (a) 47,575 registered looms.
 (b) 716 and 285 registered looms respectively.
 (c) The supply is made on the basis of the number of looms and in proportion to the stock received.

Handlooms.

347. * MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handlooms in existence as per the census taken in 1120; and

(b) the number of handlooms actually registered in 1120?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (a) 47,575.

(b) 47,575—registration effected only in 1121.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether it has come to the notice of Government that some looms have not been able to work throughout the week?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have already answered the question.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether notices were issued to the handlooms which were registered from the taluk authorities?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Honourable member has brought this to my notice and the matter is being dealt with.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government propose to press for more yarn with the Government of India?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: We have been pressing and they have refused to give us any more yarn.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli cum Kartigapalli*): Is the honourable member aware that representations to the effect that handlooms which have been working in Kanjirapalli have not been registered?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: All these matters will be looked into as separate individual cases on their own merits, not by the issue of a general notification.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I take it then that they will be given a chance?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Certainly.

Control of handloom products.

348. * MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have considered the necessity of introducing measures to control the price of handloom products; and

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the steps taken in that direction?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (a) Yes.

(b) A sub-committee of the Central Textile Advisory Committee has been constituted to go into the question and report on the matter.